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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
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Hiroyuki IKEUCHI et al.	:	Art Unit: 1796
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Serial No.: 10/577,355	:	Examiner: S. Sastri
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Filed: April 28, 2006	:	
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For: PARTICULATE WATER-ABSORBENT	:	
RESIN COMPOSITION AND ITS	:	
PRODUCTION PROCESS	:	

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the September 24, 2009 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application. In the Action, claims 1-16 and 18-22 are rejected. In view of the following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

**Rejection of Claims 1, 4-16 and 18-22**

Claims 1, 4-16 and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0157318 to Brehm et al. Brehm et al. is cited for disclosing water-absorbent resins that contain cyclodextrin derivatives.

As noted in the Action, Brehm et al. does not disclose a particulate water-absorbent resin composition having a particle size such that the particles are in the range of 850 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ , but not including 850  $\mu\text{m}$ , accounting for not less than 90 wt% of the water-absorbent resin composition.